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TO ALL DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR POSTS

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CDES, CGEN, AGEN  
SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF NEXT-OF-KIN IN DEATH CASES  
REF: A-4380 OF MAY 1, 1972 AND A-6567 OF JUNE 30, 1972

DEPARTMENT REMINDS ALL POSTS THAT NOTIFICATION OF NEXT-OF-KIN (NOK) IN CASES OF DEATHS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS MUST REPEAT MUST BE MADE VIA DIRECT RELAY CABLES IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCED AIRGRAMS. POSTS IN MEXICO AND CANADA ARE AUTHORIZED BY EXISTING REGULATIONS TO MAKE TELEPHONIC NOTIFICATIONS. COMMON SENSE DICTATES THAT IN ANY SITUATION IN WHICH AN IMMEDIATE REPLY IS NECESSARY NOTIFICATION MAY BE MADE TELEPHONICALLY REGARDLESS OF THE ORIGINATING POST.

WHEN NOK IS UNKNOWN AND DEPT'S RESOURCES ARE NEEDED TO HELP LOCATE NOK, THE DEPT. WILL ATTEMPT TO DO SO AND MAKE THE NOTIFICATION. IN SUCH A CASE, DEPT. SHOULD BE PROVIDED WITH ALL DETAILS AVAILABLE TO THE POST INCLUDING NUMBER, DATE/PLACE ISSUANCE OF DECEASED'S PASSPORT. IN THE RARE CASE IN WHICH NOK'S NAME AND ADDRESS ARE KNOWN TO THE POST BUT EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE DEPT. NOTIFICATION, SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD BE FULLY EXPLAINED TO DEPT.  
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IF THE POST IS DOUBTFUL OF THE ACCURACY OF THE NOK'S ADDRESS, IN SOME CASES THE POST CAN VERIFY THE ADDRESS THROUGH TELEPHONE INFORMATION IN CITY IN WHICH THE NOK RESIDES.

IN MOST CASES, HOWEVER, POST CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT ADDRESS  
FOUND IN THE PASSPORT OR WITH THE EFFECTS IS CORRECT.  
WESTERN UNION WILL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT IF THE CABLE IS  
UNDELIVERABLE.

THE REFERENCED AIRGRAMS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF  
ALL POST DUTY OFFICERS SO THAT PROPER PROCEDURES WILL  
BE FOLLOWED AT NIGHT, ON WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS. KISSINGER

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